

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Hill et al.  
Application No: : 09/346,470  
Group Art Unit: : 1646  
Examiner: : J. Murphy  
Filed: : July 1, 1999  
Confirmation No. : 2471  
Attorney Docket No. : 53-99  
Customer No. : 23713

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the minimum extension of time necessary so that the accompanying Amendment is timely filed.

It is believed that an extension of three months is required. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1020.00 as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. If this amount is incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment under the foregoing rules to deposit account no. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

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